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1. Jüterbog/Altes Lager (E69), 5-6 January 1949

a. Superficial inspection of the Altes Lager airfield would disclose 100-150 aircraft, chiefly YAK-3, visible before hangars and around the control tower. According to an airfield workman, there are actually 400-500 planes on hand: YAK-3, 7b, and 9, LA-5, PO-2, three JU-87, and eight jets. Of these, it is claimed that 150-200 are in hangars, with a similar number hidden in forest clearings which were enlarged during 1948. Air force personnel strength is estimated at approximately 2,000 men.

b. The field has all-weather installations, rail connections, and three concrete runways, the latter being respectively 800, 2400, and 2400-2600 meters long. A dummy fuel dump has been established close to the rail line east of the field. The real fuel dump, consisting of sunken railroad tank cars, is near the field's western border. (Cf. map attachment). Repair shops at Damm are used to some extent by Altes Lager. Aircraft from other fields also are sent to Damm for overhauling.

c. Twelve PE-3 planes, which arrived at Altes Lager in early January, were observed taking off westward at 0900 hours on 5 January. Their bombs - 1,000 kilo type and one to each plane - were dropped at 1,500 meters on the target village of Zieldorf, located in the artillery range Ost near Kunnersdorf. Detonations occurred 3-5 minutes after impact. These exercises continued through the day except for a two hour rest period at midday.

2. Jüterbog/Neues Lager (E69), 8 January

Barracks are occupied by a motorized rifle unit. Troops wear black tabs/red piping and their equipment includes an unknown number of 76.2-mm AT guns. Vehicles: B 3-86 and B 3-89 series.

3. Luckenwalde (Z70), 20 January

A staff headquarters is located in the Grünstrasse. Ten to fifteen large cables lead to this building. Vehicles parked near it: E 2-46-64 to 75, F 4-42 and F 4-43 series. Another headquarters in the Linden Allee, which also maintains a number of cable lines, had parked before it vehicles G 8-81-45 to 92, G 8-83-52 to 91, and G 8-84-03 to 78.

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Wunsdorf (291), 10 January

a. Between 6 and 10 January, an artillery unit moved from Rehagen-Clausdorf (281) to Wunsdorf. During this period, twenty-four 76.2-mm guns were observed moving to Wunsdorf by night. According to a local workman, the Rehagen-Clausdorf area will be occupied next by an air force unit.

b. Gunnery practice with Stalin Orgeln was observed at the Zossen-Wunsdorf training area. Four 300 mm projectors, with twelve rockets each, were handled mainly by officers. The target was a bunker near the Zehrendorf cemetery, 800-1,000 meters distant.

c. Major Batsharov, Wunsdorf administrative officer, has stated that one division now stationed there belongs to an army in Magdeburg.

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[REDACTED] Comment: Re Paragraph 4b, another source reported similar rocket training in Tüppchin, 8-10 December 1948. Officers participated and the projectors were said to belong to 7 Mech Division. Cf. [REDACTED] 25X1A2g
Re Paragraph 4c, a similar claim was made, 16 November 1948, by a Soviet lieutenant who averred that all troops in the Zossen-Jüterbog-Luckenwalde area were subordinate to Magdeburg headquarters. See [REDACTED] 25X1A2g

5. Cottbus (A57), 19 January

a. A new tank unit occupies the Zillestrasse barracks near the airfield. Trucks parked at these barracks: [REDACTED] 4-46-16 to 18, with one passenger car numbered [REDACTED] 4-46-32.

b. Two new hangars have been completed at Cottbus airfield, bringing the total to five. Parked on the field were twenty-six PO-2, three PE-8, and seventeen unidentified fighters. No flights occurred. Three fuel trucks on the field bore licenses in the E 6-33 series.

c. Cottbus-Sachsendorf barracks are occupied by approximately 3,000 troops. A local resident states that eighty tanks arrived at these barracks during late December and early January. There are 112 small field kitchens parked on the grounds. Parked trucks were in the E 6-63 series.

6. Spremberg (A58), 19 January

A tank unit in the Panzerjägerkaserne, which arrived in December, came from Königsbrück. Various members of this unit have said that they do not expect to be in the neighborhood long.

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[REDACTED] Comment: Reference should be made to our [REDACTED] from another source who reported an alleged exchange of armored units between Cottbus-Spremberg and Görlitz.)

Map attachment: Jüterbog/Altes Lager airfield.

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